

## Walks report: Autumn Colours in Tentsmuir, Saturday 9 November



After a week of dreadful rain and chill, Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, and a goodly number of 25 Ramblers took to the woods, to enjoy what we all felt might have been the last of the Autumn colours. Among our number were fellow Ramblers from the Kinross and Perth groups. The sun continued to shine on us - and there was some warmth in it- as we headed into Reres wood from Leuchars and the Earlshall road. Fungus of various types was in abundance, and the trees were in full colour.

We had a quick, standing coffee-break in dappled sunshine before continuing down to the sea. From there we followed a meandering path across the dunes, past reed ponds, and the line of the tank traps and coastal defences from World War Two.

Into the forest itself next, with paths that led us through deciduous trees of varying shades, with a splendid avenue of old beech trees in full colour. From there we picked up the Fife Coastal path for our return to Leuchars. Lunch was a fairly leisurely affair on the hillocks of Tentsmuir heathland, and then across the duckboards which span the marshy side of the heath, and back to our tree-lined route back into Leuchars village. As ever, there was time for a welcome cuppa as a number of the party headed to Rhynd coffee-shop.



Walks continue through the winter months. The next one is a shorter mid-week walk on Wednesday 20 November from Balmerino. Please check with the website brochure for full details.

